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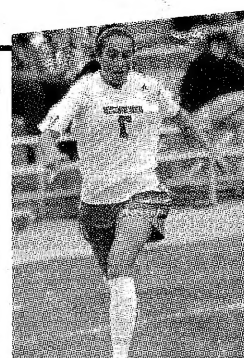
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UNO student dies in traffic accident

ANDREA CIUREJ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Jennifer Kersigo not only lost a younger sister to a traffic accident on Oct. 8. She lost her best friend.

UNO senior Andrea Kersigo, 26, was a history major who planned on graduating in December. She was going to participate in an archeological dig overseas next summer.



Andrea Kersigo

Andrea was killed on Interstate 80 near 61st Street, according to a police report. The accident occurred at 12:33 p.m.

A 2004 Columbia Freightliner semi-tractor trailer was heading eastbound on Interstate 80 near 61st Street when Andrea's 2001 Dodge Neon four-door crossed in its path.

Zafer Dakhel, the semi driver, 35, stated in the police report that he was unable to stop and struck Andrea's vehicle on the driver's side.

Witnesses Crissy Grove of Bellevue and Karnell Perkins of Omaha both stated in the police report that Andrea's vehicle was in an inside lane when Andrea drifted or drove to the right. Andrea then made a sharp left turn and crossed several lanes of traffic, according to the police report.

Dakhel then hit the driver's side of Andrea's vehicle. Omaha Fire Department medics pronounced Andrea dead at the scene, according to the report.

Dakhel's semi had an estimated \$2,000 in damage. SMM Carriers in Lake St. Louis, Mo., owns the semi. Andrea's vehicle was totaled. No citations were written, according to the report.

The local media reported that Omaha Police said alcohol was not a factor.

Andrea is survived by her parents Mark and Mary Kersigo and siblings Elizabeth Wells, Allison and Jonathan. She is also survived by nieces, a nephew, numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

A 10 a.m. memorial service was held Oct. 17 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 4803 William St. Private interment was held at St. John's Cemetery. UNO lowered campus flags to half-staff on Oct. 16 in her honor.

Kelli Wiebelhaus, a close friend, said Andrea's contagious smile will live on in all those who knew her.

"With her contagious smile, she could liven up a crowd, whether it was at work or out on the softball field," Wiebelhaus said. "She was a strong, open-minded individual who had a passion for learning and exploring new opportunities."

Jennifer said the world will be a darker place now that Andrea is gone.

"She made friends easily with her warm smile and witty sense of humor," she said. "She taught me to never miss a kiss or hug from our nieces or nephew, always be curious about the world around us, live each day to the fullest and that a smile can be contagious."

NU foundation announces public phase of 'unlimited' campaign

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HOLLY FREDRICKSON
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More than \$642 million has been raised to expand the University of Nebraska system through a campaign hoping to raise \$1.2 billion by 2014, as announced in a press conference on Oct. 16.

"Campaign for Nebraska: Unlimited Possibilities" launched in 2005 and is the largest campaign in NU foundation history. The campaign strives to build upon a series of strengths in the NU system: student support, cancer research, early childhood development, agriculture and life sciences, architectural engineering and construction and global engagement.

"These goals center around a set of priorities that are important to the state of Nebraska, that are areas where the university has historic strength to build on and areas where we think we can be among the best in the world," said James B. Milliken, University of Nebraska Foundation president. "The basic and the most fundamental goal of this campaign is providing affordable access to higher education for students across Nebraska."

Milliken said the system has an incredible amount of momentum, due to an enrollment increase for the fifth consecutive year, record ACT scores for incoming freshmen and an increase in financial aid recipients.

Now is the time to expand on the strengths of the NU system, he said.

Chancellor John Christensen said UNO is focusing on building the educated workforce of tomorrow for students, engaging our community and enriching the campus and community life.

Some future plans include a technology and innovation research center on the Pacific Street campus and the redevelopment and expansion of the College of Education with special emphasis on early childhood



Chancellor John Christensen speaks about the NU Foundation and its goals at a press conference on Oct. 16. (COURTESY OF NU FOUNDATION)

development, literacy and quality educator preparation. Christensen also mentioned a home for athletics south of Center Street.

"These goals are necessary as we continue to seek new and better ways of serving our students, providing leadership in the community and reflecting the momentum and vitality of the metropolitan area," Christensen said. "I believe the possibilities are indeed unlimited."

Jim Young, Union Pacific Railroad CEO and UNO campaign committee chair, said 50 percent of UNO students are first generation students in college.

"My view, when you think about what this is all about, is the opportunity to continue to call this a great place to live in America," Young said. "Education is such an important part of that."

The UNMC campaign committee has similar goals.

UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer said the campaign priorities of the medical center include a "cancer campus," specializing in breast cancer, prostate cancer and pancreatic

cancer.

Other priorities include an eye institute, providing specialized care in glaucoma, retina and blindness, and a center for drug recovery for emerging and neglected infectious diseases.

"Our goal at the medical center is to be a world-class, academic medical center," Maurer said. "That means we want to be excellent in everything and outstanding in two or three areas."

Gail Walling Yanney, a retired physician and UNMC campaign committee co-chair, said the campus has already been through a drastic transformation.

"It looks nothing like it did 50 years ago when I went to school and that's a good thing," Yanney said. "We are on our way from being a great university to being a world-class university and that's because we have great leadership, not only inspiring us with their vision but with their ability to execute."

Two priorities of UNL's campaign are undergraduate education and research, which

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Students use fall break to volunteer Three Days of Service

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For some students, fall break was a time to sleep in and update their Facebook statuses. For others, it was a time to breathe in the cold Northeast Omaha morning air while pounding nails into window frames. UNO students took part in the Three Days of Service project through Habitat for Humanity Omaha on Oct. 17, 19 and 20.

The four new houses on 33rd and Manderson Streets were part of the project's goal of providing housing for low-income families and encouraging involvement within the community.

Between 70 and 80 UNO and local area highschool students volunteered over fall break. They also helped construction efforts in Council Bluffs and refurbished Santa's Children Christmas Village in Macedonia, Iowa. Children who are in struggling families are taken on free trips to see Santa at this village around Christmas.

Since 2003, UNO has helped sponsor similar projects, with the student work negating more than \$750,000 in labor costs. UNO senior Erin McNally said the negated costs this year will

total more than \$1 million over a span of 17 days.

"Whatever they need us to do, we'll do," she said.

Gregory Lavery, a construction supervisor with Habitat for Humanity, said that it would be very difficult to get this amount of work done in such a small amount of time without help from the students.

"What takes us months to do, you folks finish in one week," Lavery said.

The lots on Manderson Street were donated to Habitat by the City of Omaha. Each of the \$132,000 houses has five bedrooms, a garage and meet all Energy Star power specifications.

"We're only one of the five builders in Omaha that are that efficient with energy," Lavery said.

Xing Shao, an international studies student from China, smiled and laughed as she climbed up scaffolding to help hammer nails into a windowsill while her friends watched from below.

"It's my first time doing this. I wanted to get some volunteer experience because I want to work at the 2012 Olympics in London," she said. "The weather's not that bad, I'm enjoying it because it's much colder [back home] in China."

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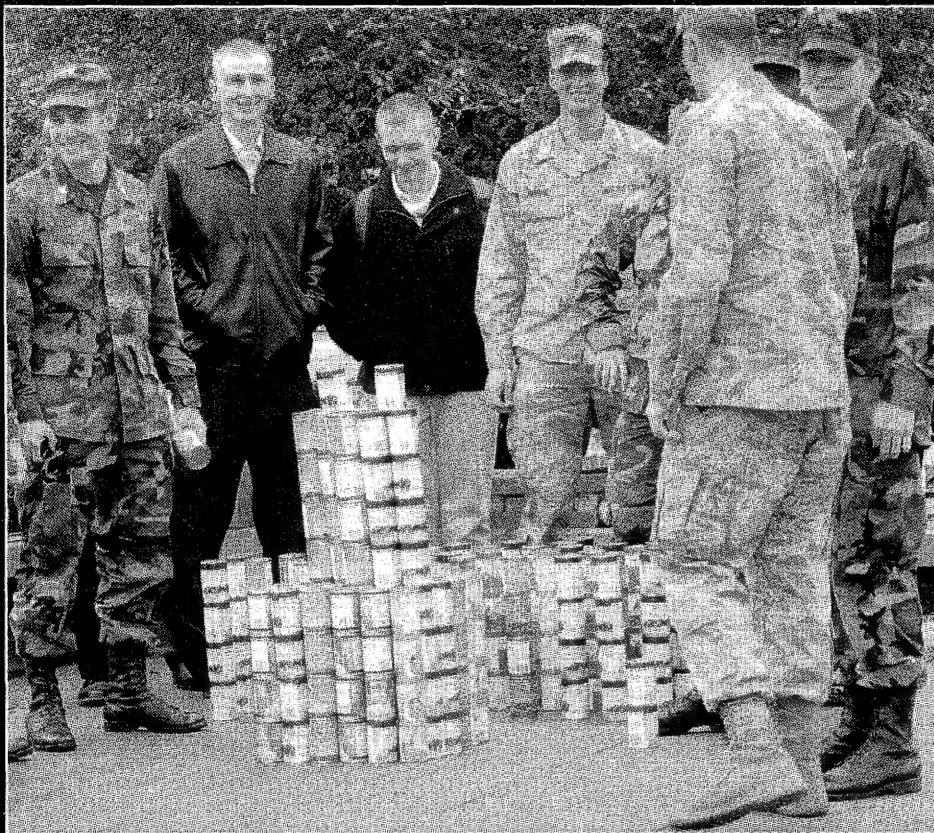
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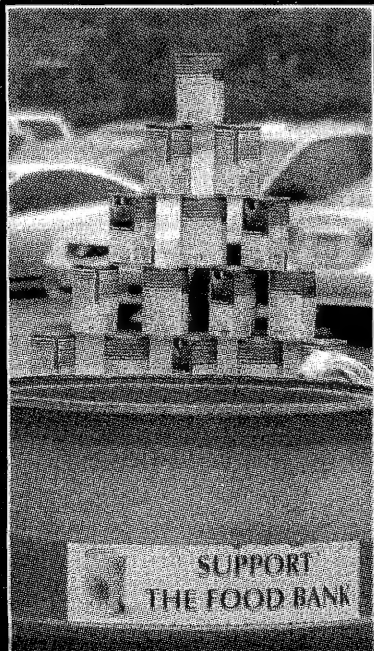
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Pictured above: The UNO Air Force ROTC Attachment 470 won Wednesday's 16th Annual Bell Tower Challenge for the Omaha Food Bank. The group won the student division for most cans stacked. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)



Pictured left: A tower of cans rests near the Henningson Memorial Campanile after the 16th Annual Bell Tower Challenge for the Omaha Food Bank Wednesday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

16th Annual Bell Tower Challenge

LOOKING TO MAKE YOUR MARK?

The Gateway is currently accepting applications for Editor in Chief of the 2009 Year in Review.

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Grab an application at the Gateway office (first floor, MBSC)

Applications are due by:
Friday, October 30th

CRIME LOG

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Friday, Oct. 9

7:20 a.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from their vehicle parked in Lot 11. The theft occurred between Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:50 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:05 a.m.

3:10 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property in the Milo Bail Student Center. The theft occurred on Thursday, Oct. 8 between 3:40 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

12:57 a.m. Campus Security responded to a noise complaint at University Village and discovered an alcohol violation. Omaha Police responded. Three students and six visitors were cited for minor in possession of alcohol. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

2:20 a.m. Campus Security responded to a report of reckless driving on campus. The vehicle was found on University Drive West near Lot H. Omaha Police contacted Campus Security and reported other complaints concerning the vehicle. The driver, a student, was arrested by the Omaha Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol. The passengers, two students and two visitors, were cited for minor in possession of alcohol. The three students were referred for disciplinary action.

2:30 a.m. While responding to the incident above, Omaha Police observed another vehicle driving recklessly on campus. The vehicle was found at University Drive West near Lot H. The driver, a student, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

3:50 a.m. Campus Security responded to a call from University Village regarding someone banging on windows. Investigation discovered an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, Oct. 12

10:30 a.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from their vehicle parked in Lot J. The theft occurred between Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m.

12:33 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from their vehicle parked in the First Christian Church parking lot. The theft occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 11:55 a.m.

4:10 p.m. A student reported vandalism to their vehicle parked in Lot A. The vandalism occurred between 3:50 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

12:50 a.m. While on patrol of Lot J, Campus Security discovered a controlled substance violation. Omaha Police responded. Two students were cited for possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce. One student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. All three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Sunday, Oct. 18

1:57 a.m. Campus Security responded to Maverick Village regarding a female that could be heard crying and yelling from one of the suites. Investigation discovered an alcohol violation. The alcohol was disposed of. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, Oct. 19

11:45 p.m. Campus Security responded to Maverick Village regarding a report of an unidentified male posing nude outside on a patio. The suspect could not be located.

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UNO receives award for community involvement

HOLLY FREDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

UNO's Neighborhood Center was awarded the 2009 Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Regional Service Award at the annual MAPA dinner in Blair, Neb., on Oct. 14.

The Neighborhood Center is managed by UNO and shares many ties with the Service Learning Academy and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. It was nominated for the award by Omaha city council member Garry Gernandt.

"Since its creation nine years ago, the Neighborhood Center has evolved into the 'go-to' organization for the entire Metro Omaha-Council Bluffs area for all things 'neighborhood,'" Gernandt wrote in the application form. "The Center provides the training, organizational direction,

communication tools and resources for neighborhood betterment groups to take effective action and to advocate for themselves. To date, the center has trained and assisted more than 220 neighborhood associations and other civic betterment groups to organize and improve the city."

To receive the MAPA service award, the Neighborhood Center had to demonstrate how it positively affects the community and show who has benefited from its work.

Executive Director of the Neighborhood Center Ronald Abdouch believes the award is a reflection of the Neighborhood Center's history of service in Omaha.

"Our primary goal is to help neighborhood leaders and residents improve their area of the city or community that we all share to make it the very best place to live, work and raise a family," Abdouch said. "We do this through education, outreach, advocacy and service to the neighborhoods and community."

Paul Sather, director of the Service Learning Academy, agreed with Abdouch.

"I think the key thing is that they have had a long history of heightening empowerment in neighborhoods," Sather said.

The MAPA service award came on the heels of another prestigious honor for the university. On Oct. 12, UNO was named one of the nation's top 25 "best neighbor" colleges and universities by the 15th annual conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities.

"Many excellent institutions are included in the listing. We are proud to be among them," UNO Chancellor John Christensen said in a university press release. "I believe UNO is among the nation's distinguished universities, serving as a national prototype for innovative interactions within our community."

UNO award created to honor memory, spirit of student

HOLLY FREDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Former UNO student Anjuman Ara Changez graduated from Harvard with a master's degree in psychology. When the Peter Kiewit Institute was looking to recruit top students into its doctorate program, Changez was one of their major prospects. She left her HR job and drove alone from Cambellford, Ontario, to Omaha. It was the fall of 2008, and Changez was beginning an exciting new phase of her life.

In just a few weeks, she would be diagnosed with cancer. Less than a year later, she would lose her life.

Mansour Zand, a computer science professor at PKI, was the director of the doctorate program when Changez first came to Omaha to further her education. Zand knew after his first meeting with Changez

that she would be an incredibly hard-working student. As her teacher, he witnessed her incredible spirit firsthand as well as her gradual deterioration.

"She was always pushing her teachers and asking questions," Zand said. "She always wanted more."

By the middle of the fall semester, however, she was missing class more and more often.

"She wasn't the same person," he said. "Eventually, she came to me with tears in her eyes and she told me, 'I have a problem.'"

On Oct. 28, 2008, Changez was diagnosed with cancer at the Creighton University Medical Center. She immediately began radiation and chemotherapy. Seven months later, the tumor had decreased in size, but a closer scan revealed the cancer had spread into Changez's liver and lungs.

Despite her illness, Changez fought to keep up in her classes and continue her research in

collaborative software.

"She was a fighter," Zand said. "She had such a strong personality."

Changez had been in and out of the hospital for more than six months when, on July 23, 2009, she was readmitted to Creighton with breathing problems and put on a ventilator.

Zand described his visit to see Changezin the hospital:

"I've seen people with cancer before, and all they're thinking about is the cancer," he said. "But Anjuman had her textbooks with her and was still trying to keep up with her classes."

Her brother and mother eventually joined her in Omaha.

"I was with her for four months before she passed away," said her mother Jahan Ara Changez. "During this period she must have been going through intense pain, but she never

complained. She was bearing it very bravely."

Zand last spoke with Changez over the phone, just two weeks before her death. He learned that she was still working on a paper for class, despite her faltering health. Changez's brother Zaheer later told Zand she had such little energy, she was only able to work on the paper for half an hour at a time.

Changez passed away on Aug. 2, 2009. She was 43 years old. On Aug. 10, her family buried her in her home country of Pakistan.

"For me, my child is dead, but there are so many at the university keeping her memory alive, and for that I am very grateful," her mother said.

An award is being created to honor the memory of Changez. Zand said it will be given to doctorate students "with her same spirit."

'Some of the most important learning in college doesn't take place in the classroom'

The Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Lecture on Human Rights

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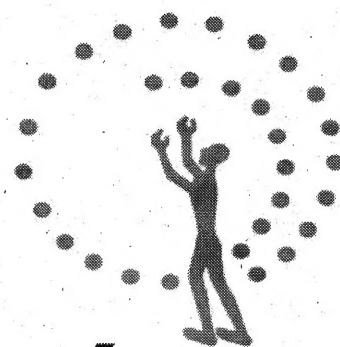
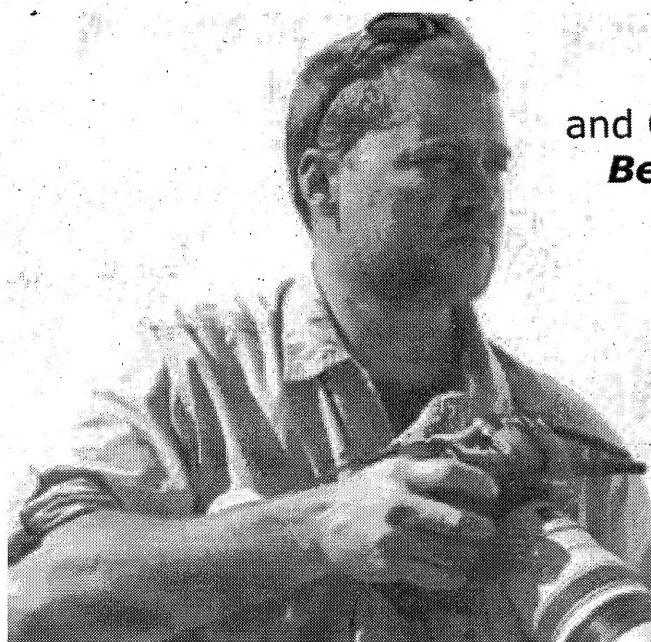
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Brian Steidle graduated with a B.S. from Virginia Tech and received a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry officer, completing his service as a Captain. He has worked in Central Sudan on the North-South ceasefire and was then invited to serve in Darfur as an unarmed military observer and U.S. representative to the African Union. He was one of only three Americans serving with a coalition of African countries monitoring the ceasefire. Since Brian's return from Darfur, he has testified in the US Congress and the UK Parliament, and Government Agencies

and the International Criminal Court on such subjects as intelligence continues to advise Non-Governmental Organizations, gathering, NGO operations, AU effectiveness, war crimes, and Sudanese Government military operations. Brian has co-authored, his memoir, *The Devil Came on Horseback: Bearing Witness to the Genocide in Darfur* which chronicles his time in Darfur and also is the subject of the Documentary Film by the same title. Brian currently serves as the Executive Director of HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere).

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Students spend night on street to help the homeless



Phi Beta Sigma President Rod Coleman and Kenyatta Coffiel urge Dodge Street drivers to stop and make a donation for the homeless. (TOM GUTTERMANN/THE GATEWAY)

EMILY JOHNSON
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From dusk until dawn on Oct. 14, UNO junior Brandon Williams stood in the frigid rain at 72nd and Dodge Streets and tried to catch the attention of passersby.

The Phi Beta Sigma member was participating in the fraternity's most anticipated fundraiser of the year. Per tradition, Williams and other fraternity members sacrificed sleep on the first night of fall break to face one of Omaha's most overlooked concerns: homelessness.

Fraternities and sororities from UNO and Creighton University teamed up with fellow students, professors, community organizations and Omaha locals during the fifth annual Sleep Out for the Homeless to raise awareness and collect donations for the Open Door Mission.

"We're trying to raise awareness that it's getting cold outside, and it's hard out here with the economy as bad as it is," Williams said. "We just want to show them that we care and want to help them better their lives."

The event was hosted by UNO and Creighton's chapters of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, the fraternity's sister sorority. Williams said this year was particularly notable because more participants from other fraternities, sororities and the student bodies were involved than in previous years.

"What really surprised us was having the other sororities and fraternities coming out in the numbers that they did," he said. "They stayed and helped on the corner, and people were coming and stopping by, it was amazing to see that. A guy came by and asked what was going on, and when he found out he took the jacket off his back and threw it on the pile and said, 'Here's my donation.'"

A few of the other donations of the night that stuck in Williams' mind were a used car from the Chi Omegas and a \$100 bill from a man off the street. This year's event raised \$300 in cash, 400 pounds of food and 1,000 pounds of clothes.

"The guy that gave \$100 bill to us, we've never had that before," Williams said. "Usually they think we're crazy,

they can't read the signs or look away and say they don't have any money to donate."

Alvin Samuels, vice president of Creighton's Phi Beta Sigma chapter, said he believes the surge of this year's success was due in part to the improved advertisement via Facebook, flyers and word of mouth passed on over the years.

"Our donations skyrocketed this year," Samuels said. "Homelessness is a reality. I have a general responsibility to my community to help out where I can. People have tons of clothes in their closet that they don't wear, it's not really difficult. The whole idea behind this is that everybody can do something, and a lot of people can have a big impact."

Numbers have certainly grown since the event's inception. It's a national event put forth by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omaha's Sleep Out for the Homeless was started by Creighton's chapter.

Creighton graduate Dayo Kakosko was a critical founder of the local movement five years ago. He said he has nothing but happiness and pride for how much the event has expanded.

He said they hosted the event in November the first year to try to simulate the reality of a harsh, homeless winter, but moved the sleep outs to a month earlier for safety's sake.

"Naysayers said we wouldn't sleep the whole night out there," he said. "Because of the weather, people didn't think we were serious, but we did it. I know one year, an actual homeless guy came up and he said, 'We need more people to do things like this for us, because we're overlooked on every side of the country and we need more people to help.'"

Williams and Samuels both agreed that the public sentiment and enthusiasm to help is stronger than ever before and hope to see the community and student bodies get more involved next year while still maintaining a friendly and tight-knit atmosphere.

"I'd love to see more people stay the night, instead of only staying 'til 5 p.m.," Samuels said. "I understand — it gets cold."

Forum encourages reform for immigration laws

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Millions of undocumented and illegal immigrant workers are providing American businesses with cheap labor. The Office of Latino/Latin American Studies held a forum in the Umonhon Room of the Milo Bail Student Center on Oct. 15 to shed light on growing immigration problems.

UNO professors, many of whom are also OLLAS members, hosted the 90-minute event to inform the public on Latin America and immigration during the Obama era.

Discussion leaders were: Lourdes Gouveia, OLLAS director and sociology professor; Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, OLLAS assistant director and political science professor; Maria Arbelaez, OLLAS faculty member and history professor; and Claudia Garcia, OLLAS faculty and foreign languages professor.

"Millions of immigrants are essentially living unprotected from any rights while providing all kinds of benefits to us as producers and consumers," Gouveia said. "That is really wearing thin."

According to the Center for American Progress' Web site, 11.1 million unauthorized workers currently live in America. In 2002, an average of \$1,700 was spent to apprehend just one person crossing the US-Mexico border. An estimated \$41.2 billion is spent on mass deportation annually, with many deportees attempting to cross the border multiple times per year.

The panel discussed immigration reform that would allow illegal workers

to gain citizenship and cross the border at will to visit family and friends. Many illegal immigrants don't return home for many years. Those who build families and homes in America are often deported and forced to wait in Mexico while their loved ones carry on without them.

"There is no way that we can continue to separate families arbitrarily and for as long as we do," Gouveia said. "We have an honors student who has been undocumented since she was 7 or 8. She married a U.S. citizen and has two children born in the U.S. She has been waiting for two years across the border and just went through her second interview."

Benjamin-Alvarado said immigration fell to the sidelines after election season ended. With bigger agendas on Obama's mind, campaign promise of immigration reform has gone unfulfilled.

"Most prominent policy prescriptions on the table today appear to be inadequate to meet the problem," Benjamin-Alvarado said. "As a consequence, they are going to draw fire from all sides. This is, for all intensive purposes, the new American political minefield."

The US has taken a static approach to immigration and politicians have kept the status quo from changing. Many economic protectionists have lobbied tirelessly, spending millions to keep immigration policies from changing.

"We need to figure a way to incorporate this population into American life," Benjamin-Alvarado said. "That is not the way that Washington sees immigration policy reform. They don't see it as a human issue. They see it as a constituency-complaint issue."

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have been priorities for the past eight years.

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the system needs to develop an attractive education for students and enhance research opportunities to assure students develop innovative minds and to attract private sector companies in Nebraska.

"I believe we can and we must prepare students for an economy driven by innovation," Perlman said. "The economy is built on innovation and we must keep our young people here and help them develop into future leaders."

John Gottschalk, Omaha World-Herald chairman and UNL campaign committee chair, said NU has connectivity throughout our state, where scholarship assistance is a key ingredient to education.

"It was a place, when I went to the university, of great discovery and not least amongst those discoveries was discovery of self," Gottschalk said. "That opportunity to learn is an enormous opportunity and one that we ought to provide and one we ought to make every effort to provide every student in our state."

UNK is looking to become a world-class university through student scholarships and faculty support.

"I think we have a commitment that we want to stay focused on students and we want to stay focused on their undergraduate start in preparing them for the rest of their life," UNK Chancellor Douglas Kristensen said. "We have a responsibility to the taxpayers, we have a responsibility to the state to

give as many students that opportunity as we can and that's the focus of our campus on this campaign."

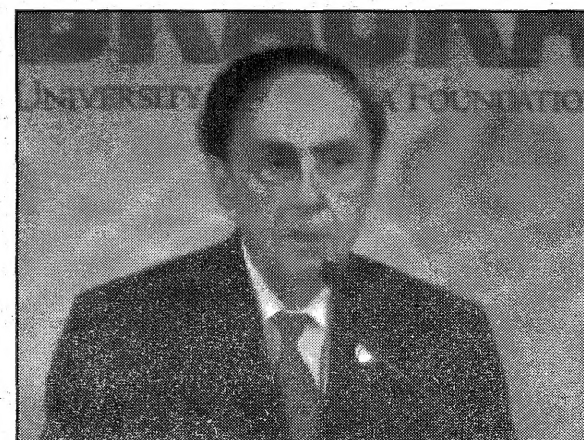
L.R. Smith, a retired physician on the UNK campaign committee, said he believes in opening opportunities for students' futures.

"I think it was an experience that shaped me somewhat and gave me belief in the importance of giving," Smith said. "Scholarships to the scholars and to the student-athletes really makes a profound difference in their academic life — they grow rapidly."

However, the state is very limited upon what they can do.

Clarence Castner, NU Foundation president, said there is light at the end of the tunnel for achieving the goals of this campaign.

"Never underestimate the generosity of Nebraskans," Castner said. "Now it's our challenge and our hope that many Nebraskans, alumni and friends will get us the rest of the way there by December of 2014, when we close out this campaign."



UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer president, speaks about the NU Foundation and its goals at a press conference on Oct. 16. (COURTESY OF NU FOUNDATION)

Living history event offers learning in an authentic environment

MITCHELL WARREN
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Arbor Lodge State Historical Park wrapped up its final Living History Celebration of the year last Sunday with its traditional showcase of historically authentic activities.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has held Living History events at the Nebraska City park for 27 years. Living History takes place over several Sundays during the fall months. This year's activities ran from Sept. 27 through Oct. 18.

Each Sunday features different activities for visitors to enjoy. This Sunday's event included demonstrations of spinning, basket weaving, quilting, lace making, china painting, sausage making and a working apple cider press. Visitors also had the opportunity to trace their genealogy with support from the Otoe County Genealogical Society.

Activities for the event were chosen to reflect the lifestyles of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day, and his wife Caroline Morton. Arbor Lodge was first built in 1855. It has been renovated over the years and was completed by their son Joy Morton in 1903.

Among the many activities, china painting's influence was easily identified in the Morton mansion. Caroline Morton was an avid china painter and decorated the residence with many of her pieces.

Peg Pelter, an experienced china painter, demonstrated her art while visitors asked questions about china painting. Pelter described china painting as a "dying art" in Nebraska because it is no longer considered trendy.

After practicing for 30 years, Pelter said she understood the intricacies of painting china.

"A project takes two hours plus 20 years to complete," Pelter said. "It takes 20 years of practice before you can paint that quickly."

Caroline Morton was also a practiced needle worker and filled Arbor Lodge with many homemade projects including several quilts. These quilts were part of a Victorian craze and featured asymmetrical fabric pieces in abstract arrangements.

The Heritage Needlework Guild demonstrated quilt making on the second floor of the Lodge. Featuring both contemporary and classical designs, guild members chatted with visitors and demonstrated their talents. The organization has been represented at Living History Celebrations for more than 20 years.

Although some in the group were making designs reminiscent of Caroline Morton's technique, the members admitted that needlework has evolved.

"The equipment we use has changed significantly," said Sharon Clark, a member of the Heritage Needlework Guild. Clark mentioned that even the needles have changed over the years.

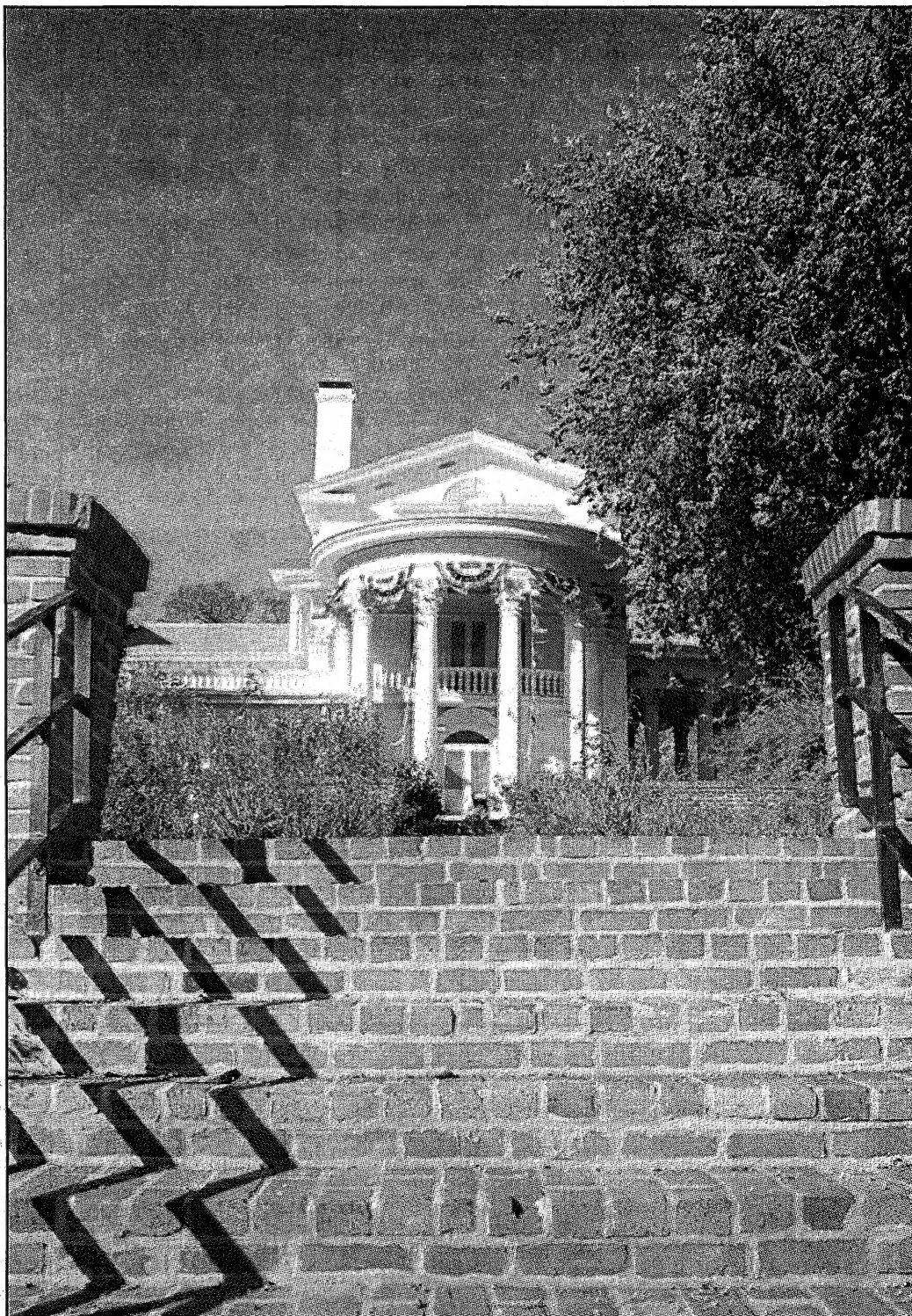
Lace making demonstrations were held down the hall from needleworking and showed a skill that was commonplace among early Nebraska settlers. The technique of lace making can be completed with several methods including weaving, tatting or knotting.

Lincoln Lacemakers ran the activity. Tatter Paula Reddersen provided a pamphlet that stated the organization's mission statement as "dedicated to preserving and studying the art of handmade laces."

Two basket-weaving instructors headed a demonstration table on the first floor. Baskets on display were all created during the day of the event with a sign that read, "we make these baskets and we can teach you to do it, too."

Jill Comcowich, one of the instructors, said baskets served practical purposes for settlers and were mainly

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The 52-room, neo-colonial Arbor Lodge mansion as seen from the Italian terraced garden. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)

Vala's celebrates 25 years as metro Halloween hot spot

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OPINIONS EDITOR



Vala's stretches over 152 acres with pumpkins seeds planted each June for harvest in late September. (ERIK PETERSON/THE GATEWAY)

It might be too early to start wearing your Halloween costume to school, but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate the holiday early with friends and family. Whether you're looking to deck out your balcony with pumpkins, take a hayrack ride with coworkers or enjoy time with loved ones around a bonfire, Vala's Pumpkin Patch in Gretna has what you're looking for on its 152-acre establishment.

Now in its 25th year in business, owner Tim Vala said they have noticed a steady stream of people returning to the pumpkin patch this year despite the slumping economy. However, Vala said he isn't sure the recession is keeping the public away from this Midwest Halloween tradition, which opened on Sept. 19.

"It's hard to say because we're more weather related," Vala said. "If the weather's bad, business starts falling off. If it's all nice days, we'll do pretty good."

With pumpkins galore, adults and children of all ages can partake in various attractions such as the train and pony rides, a paint ball shooting range and Giant Apple Sling Shot. Visitors should expect to pay a few extra dollars for these exercises.

However, activities such as the Peddle Car rides, the Storybook Barn, the Spook Shed, the Haunted House and the Pumpkin Mine are all free with paid admission.

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One of the most popular attractions at Vala's is the free hayrack rides through the pumpkin patch. Once out in the fields, surveyors have their pick of pumpkins to take home. Vala's charges 39 cents per pound for each pumpkin.

Vala's also allows visitors to rent campfire grounds during the afternoon or evening for \$50 on top of the admission cost. But on Wednesdays, Vala's offers up a discount of \$25 for these campfire sites from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The pumpkin patch also enforces a no alcohol policy because their grounds are family friendly.

Senior Erika Frieden said she enjoys going to Vala's because it's a nice break from other stresses in her daily life.

"It's a fun way to get away from studying," Frieden said. "It may be a bit expensive for college students, but Vala's is something that comes around

once a year and has so many different things to enjoy."

Compared with other Halloween event alternatives around Omaha, Vala's offers more to do without the added cost of seeing a movie or concert, or spending a night at the local bar.

"It's an experience themed for a whole month that you can't really get at anywhere else," Frieden said. "It's a fun way to experience fall and the month of Halloween with a friend or loved one and to remember being a little kid again."

Vala's Pumpkin Patch is located just north of the Gretna Exit on I-80 and will be open every day from until Nov. 1. Their hours are Sunday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. For more information about Vala's, call 332-4200 or visit valaspumpkinpatch.com.

New book details ups and downs of Obama marriage

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(MCT) - After a microscopic look at several famous marriages, author Christopher Andersen takes his pen-or, some argue, a hatchet-to the Obamas in his latest book, "Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage."

He describes a reluctant groom-to-be, sometimes-stormy union and woman sick of emptying his overflowing ashtrays-and being shut out by his ambition. He says the crucibles of battling infertility, helping to nurse daughter Sasha to health after meningitis and coping with early political defeat (and debt), the Obamas survived-and thrived. By the inauguration they were "indisputably the First Couple not only of America but of the world."

On him: "He was the supremely confident overachiever whose fatherless childhood left him deeply scarred emotionally, the product of an exotic multicultural upbringing who yearned for roots and a sense of his own racial identity..."

On her: "dutiful daughter ... corporate lawyer ... wife and mother who despised politicians but outperformed even the most seasoned of them as she helped her husband win the presidency."

The book, relying in part on

unnamed sources, serves up plenty of dish from the Obamas' youth, nearly 17-year marriage and up-and-down journey to the White House.

Andersen says Michelle Obama helped shoot down the prospect of Hillary Clinton being tapped as her husband's running mate. "Do you really want Bill and Hillary just down the hall from you in the White House?" it quotes her as saying.

According to the book, when Obama ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004, at first he thought the David Axelrod-designed campaign slogan, "Yes we can," was corny.

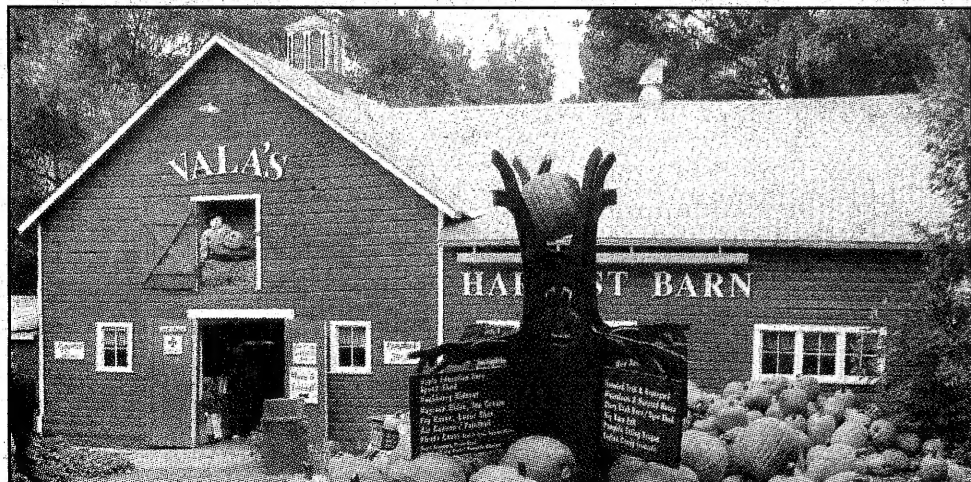
But the controversial Jeremiah Wright, then his pastor, and Michelle Obama, liked it.

The book, from publisher William Morrow, went on sale Tuesday for \$25.99.

Andersen is famous for writing about the famous-the Kennedys, the Clintons and Diana, Princess of Wales-and he intermingles dirt and stardust. The book's promos herald the Obamas as the new Jack and Jackie Kennedy - "brilliant, attractive, elegant, youthful, exciting."

The Obamas did not cooperate with the book, says its publicist, Camille McDuffie.

The White House had no comment.



The Harvest Barn is one of the many attractions at Vala's. (ERIK PETERSON/THE GATEWAY)

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employed for storage or decorative purposes. The other instructor, Jeannie Sisson, had a much simpler approach to baskets.

"Baskets make junk look better," Sisson said.

Upon entering or leaving the lodge, visitors stopped at a table set up by the Otoe County Genealogical Society. Members of the society provided materials to help visitors track down their ancestry. Although not immediately tied in with the other history of the day, the display served to assist people to identify their own history.

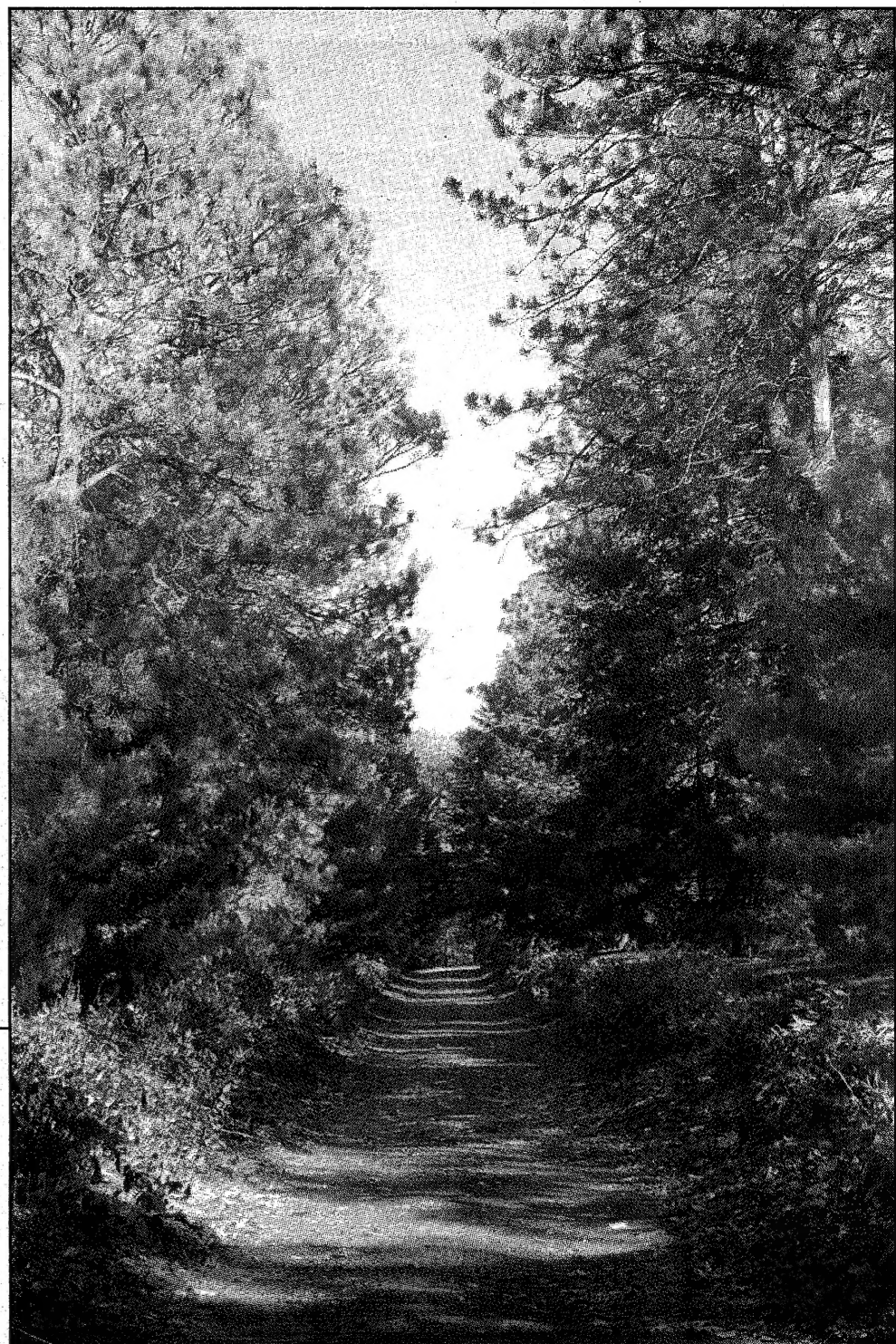
Society member Lorie Angel described genealogy as an "eye opener" while society member Sherry Votava said genealogy as a "mystery that you need to untangle."

Votava said that many people start searching for their ancestry with a simple question like, "Gee, where did my grandparents grow up at?" After that first question is asked, Votava said the doors are usually opened to different clues about a family's past.

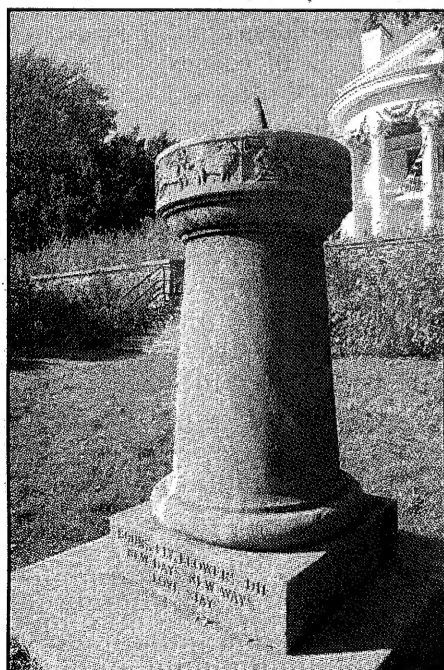
Searching for a family's past can have many twists and turns, Angel added.

"Common names are harder to track down," Angel said. Common last names require more sifting through records to identify who is actually related to whom.

Visitors can visit the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Web site at ngpc.state.ne.us for further information about Arbor Lodge State Historical Park and its Living History Celebrations.



Visitors can walk the half mile Morton Tree Trail that served as Morton's original arboretum. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)



"Hours fly, flowers die, new days, new ways, love stays." This sundial resides in the Italian terraced garden which was added to the grounds in 1903 as part of Joy Morton's final addition. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)



Intricately-capped white columns reside over the entrance to the mansion and its porticoes. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)

Daughtry bassist talks new album and returning to Omaha

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"It's Not Over" for former American Idol rocker Chris Daughtry and his bandmates as they hit up Omaha's Civic Auditorium with a little taste of home and a new album on Oct. 21.

Daughtry returned to Omaha to promote their second album "Leave This Town" with hard rock bands Cavo and Theory of a Deadman.

Along with a few surprises, Daughtry brought with them a collection of tracks co-inspired by some of rock's biggest personalities including Nickelback's Chad Kroeger, Lifehouse's Jason Wade and Three Days Grace's Adam Gontier.

Bassist and back-up vocalist Josh "JP" Paul spoke with the Gateway about his musical beginnings, life experiences, their new album and life on the road.

What was it like to play the drums in Don Henley's "Boys of Summer" video at age 7?

It was definitely a great opportunity. I didn't really know really what was going on. I just knew that I played drums and I went to some audition where there were 500 other little kids. And, I actually got it and did it. I was a little bit overwhelmed, but I thought it was awesome. Don Henley's really cool.

Obviously you've built a framework of success playing the bass guitar. You started playing with older bands and even earned an endorsement at age 15. What made you choose to play the bass guitar to begin with?

Honestly, I learned that when you move into an apartment, neighbors really don't like the drums too much. When you move in from a house into an apartment. I couldn't really play drums anymore on a regular basis. So, I took up the bass. My grandfather played bass and he had one lying around. So, he gave it to me and I started playing to every song that I possibly could on the radio, tapes. I guess it was tapes back then. Now, I'm not that old. Come on, I was like 11.

You used to play for the bands Suicidal Tendencies and Infectious Grooves, both punk bands. Describe the transition from punk to working with Chris Daughtry, who is more rock.

Fortunately I grew up listening to every kind of music and being exposed to a lot of different kinds of music, so I played everything from jazz to country to funk and R&B and always rock stuff. But, it's not that big of a change. Obviously, I had to calm down a little bit and my playing even in those bands. Here you're kind of like the lead. Basically, there's the lead guitar player, because there's so much bass going on. And, I'm a little bit more mature now and we're doing this.

You've played with a diverse collection of artists, including Kelly Osbourne, before teaming up with Daughtry. Which artist before Chris well-prepared you before you actually found what you were looking for?

Every experience that I have had – touring and making records and working – has prepared me for what I'm doing now. Every experience is a learning experience and I'd say for any aspiring musicians out there, try to do everything that you can.

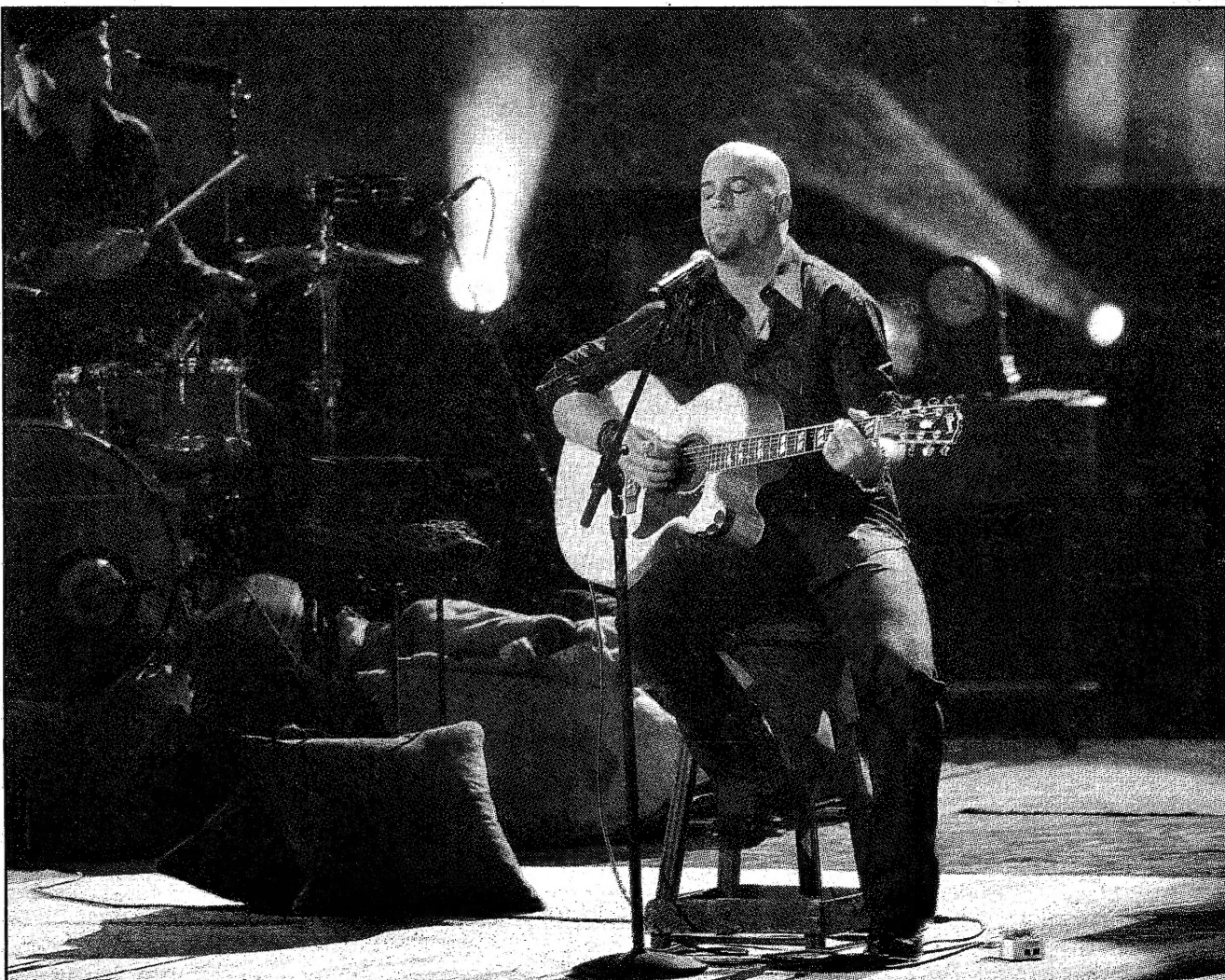
How did they recruit you to become a member of Daughtry?

They called a recruiting hotline and no, just kidding with you. Someone called me to see if I wanted to come in and meet with Chris and we jammed and everything worked out. He's a really cool dude. And here I am.

What's been the craziest thing a fan has ever done to you or for you?

You know, I don't even know. There hasn't been too many crazy, crazy things going on. I've got a lot of Starbucks cards. Sometimes people read interviews, such as these, and they take from it what they want, I guess you could say. One time I said that I was a fan of Jimi Hendrix, just in passing, and I got a bunch of Jimi Hendrix T-shirts. So, nothing too crazy, though.

How do you guys get revved up for a show? Do you guys play video games, vocal exercises, what



Chris Daughtry, shown here at a previous concert, performed Wednesday night at the Mid-America Center. (FRANCIS SPECKER/MCT)

do you do?

A little bit of everything. Some of us are maybe warming up our hands. I like to dance a little bit, dance around the dressing room, grooving to some booty-shaking music. That's what keeps me going.

What has been the best moment you've experienced so far while touring as a musician?

One of my favorites has got to be winning the American Music Award, getting up on stage and receiving that. That was awesome.

Were you a fan of Chris when he was on "American Idol"? Did you vote for him or your bandmates vote for him?

I'd never seen American Idol actually, before this. It's not that I didn't like it. I just never had the chance to watch it. I had not even heard who Chris Daughtry was, but when I actually did get a phone call to go meet up with him, a couple of my friends and some pretty heavy bands said, "Man, they got this really cool rock dude on 'American Idol.'" I was like, "What?" So, everything worked out, though.

How has the tour been going so far? What are your expectations for Omaha? Is it going to be your first time here?

We've been there before. The tour actually is just starting. It's awesome. The production that we have out is really, really, really cool. I'm excited to get out there and play and for everybody to be able to see it. We've got a bunch of new songs from the new record out there. We are going to be kicking major butt.

How do you think Daughtry's music has changed since featuring you and your bandmates in your recent album, "Leave This Town"?

We've been touring pretty much non-stop for three years. So, when you do that with bandmates or other fellow musicians and fortunately, we happen to be really good friends, you kind of grow together as a band. You get better every time you play together. So, for instance, touring off the last record, when you would see us live, it doesn't necessarily



Bassist Josh "JP" Paul (far left) and the rest of Daughtry kicked off their current tour on Oct. 13 in Tempe, Ariz. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MYSPACE.COM/DAUGHTRY)

sound exactly like the record. We've put in our own little pieces into those songs and I think it's definitely really cool and you can hear that on this record "Leave This Town."

What is your favorite thing to do in your downtime?

Spend time with my family. I have little boys and a wife at home and I try to spend as much time with them as possible.

Who was your inspiration growing up, music wise?

I have so many. My grandfather was one. He played every instrument, wrote songs, wrote music, had a little record company and Don Henley was a big influence on me. And, there's a million of them. Just love music.

What's currently on your iPod?

Let's see. It's funny you say that. I'm going to look at it right now. I have Kings of Leon, Imogen Heap, a little Bryan Adams and New Edition. There you go.

Where do you guys see your career going from here?

We're going to hopefully continue doing what we're doing, do another record, at least another record and keep on keeping on. We want to have a long career doing this.

mc chris makes geek chic at the Waiting Room

REVIEW BY
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Baggy black pants, horn-rimmed glasses, awkward haircuts, pocket chains, "Star Wars" T-shirts and trench coats were just a few of the things seen on Oct. 15 as proud, self-proclaimed geeks of all shapes and sizes gathered to see the rapper mc chris in concert at the Waiting Room, located at 62nd and Maple Streets in Benson. The concert drew a mixed crowd with opening bands I Fight Dragons and Whole Wheat Bread, but everyone was there ready to rock out and indulge their nerdy sides with headliner mc chris.

I Fight Dragons, a Chicago rock band out on its first tour, opened the show promptly at 9 p.m. Each member wore a shirt embellished with a character from the Justice League, a fictional superhero team created by DC Comics. Lead vocalist Brian Mazzaferri was Superman, bassist Hari Rao was Batman, drummer Chad Van

Dahm was Flash Gordon, lead guitarist Packy Lundholm was the Green Lantern, keyboardist Bill Prokopow was Hawkman and multimedia Nintendo guru Laura Green was Wonder Woman. The band's style was fairly original, mixing pop rock with electronic music.

Aside from guitar, bass, drums and keyboard, each member also played a Nintendo controller set to musical tones, adding a fun, tinkly chiptune background to heavy bass and catchy rhythms. Green, the lone female band member, wore a denim miniskirt and looked every bit a gamer's wet dream while rocking out with a Powerglove – a discontinued Super Nintendo controller worn on the wrist. The monitors propped up on the front of the stage played classic games like Dragon Quest, Pacman and Mega Man added to the kitschy, old-school arcade feel of the band. It was impossible not to dance to the music.

While their enthusiasm was contagious, I Fight Dragons failed to harmonize between the three singing members and

this killed their overall impact. Mazzaferri was handsome and animated, but he lacked vocal range, preferring to sing and yell in monotone. However, the audience responded well and attempted to sing along to upbeat tunes like "Heads Up, Hearts Down" and "No One Likes Superman Anymore."

While the video game theme wore thin for me, the crowd ate it up and begged for more. I'd say if this show was any indication of how this band will do in the future, I Fight Dragons would do well.

After a brief sound check, Jacksonville, Fla., natives Whole Wheat Bread took the stage, incorporating punk and gangster music. The skater trio has played in Omaha before, opening for ska band Reel Big Fish. The group has changed their lineup since I last saw them, but still carried over their familiar attitude.

The crowd took a few minutes to warm up to Whole Wheat Bread, possibly due to how angry the band's music is. Whole Wheat Bread, with their black power fist logo, is rebellious and violent with songs like "Bombs Away," which encourages murder, and "Broke," a song off their most recent album which details getting arrested for drug possession.

Their most triumphant moments of the night came with jaw-dropping covers of "Never Scared" by Bone Crusher and Rage Against the Machine's "Bulls on Parade." With these powerful and intense songs of outrage, Whole Wheat Bread got the most crowd reaction of their entire set.

Overall, the crowd seemed to prefer I Fight Dragons because they came to geek out, not "damn the man." Whole Wheat Bread is compiled of more talented musicians and more experienced performers, but they would do well by sticking to the punk and ska scenes. Fans of nerdcore, a sub-genre of music that combines hip hop and lyrical matter that's of interest to nerds, didn't seem to appreciate their brand of repressed, inner-city punk rock.

When mc chris finally came out, the crowd went insane. He has an extreme cult following due to his work as a writer, voice actor and production assistant on popular Adult Swim shows including "Space Ghost Coast to Coast," "The Brak Show," "Sealab 2021" and "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." With his slight stature and high-pitched voice, mc chris was not your average master of ceremonies, having only a MacBook to provide his beats.

mc chris lyrically describes himself as a "soft-hearted bard who makes the hardcore hard" who "weighs a buck 50, standin' five point five" in his song

"Ten Year Old." However, he lacks the intimidation of typical rappers today. mc chris' song explains his preternaturally high voice: "You don't need a voice that's low to make the microphone gold. Others claim that they be Midas but they got laryngitis, so why don't you kick it with the MC with the voice that's the highest?"

Even though he lacks a hearty baritone or an imposing height, mc chris certainly had the audience in the palm of his hand. He convinced more than 60 people in attendance to throw up "rap hands," do the robot, the electric slide and the twist. The roomful of adults doing the robot simultaneously was the highlight of the evening. No question about it.

mc chris opened with a song off his 2003 album, "White Kids Love Hip Hop." A fan favorite, the entire crowd chanted along in total nerdcore ecstasy.

After warming up the crowd, the rapper busted out some newer songs off 2008's "mc chris is Dead."

The set intermixed a new songs and old songs, and was punctuated with smatterings of video game stand-up comedy. The audience was enraptured with mc chris' speed and lingual dexterity. Paired with his abnormally high-pitched voice, he has a true corner on the nerdcore market, spitting game on topics ranging from the usual drugs and alcohol to "Star Wars" characters, zombies and ninjas.

After accepting action figure gifts, performing an encore and thanking his fans for their appreciation, mc chris asked the audience to please donate a few dollars to the bucket sitting on his merchandise table. These donations go toward the Murray Walter Goff Fund for Cystic Fibrosis Research, the fund named for mc chris' nephew who suffers from the disease.

For his second encore, mc chris performed "Fett's Vette," the song that made him famous among the geeks of America. The song details the life and doings of "Star Wars" bounty hunter Boba Fett. With quick-paced and plot-accurate lyrics like "See, my name is Boba Fett... Start not actin' right you're frozen in carbonite. Got telescopic sight, flame throwers on my wrist. You still don't get the gist. Spiked boots are made to kick, targets are made to hit... I'll see you in the Sarlaac pit," it's easy to see how mc chris has seduced the nerdcore scene with his clever rhymes, unusual vocal tone and non-human speed.

Everyone in the attendance left with a grin on their face, regardless of being sweaty, tired, ears ringing, maybe drunk, but overall blissfully and entirely geeked out.



Illinois rapper mc chris, 34, performed at the Waiting Room Lounge on Oct. 15. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MYSPACE.COM/MCCHRIS)

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mc chris has released five album since 2001. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MYSPACE.COM/MCCHRIS)

Mavs have a hiccup, but maintain fast pace

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

After ripping off four consecutive victories at home, the Mavs kicked off their four-game road trip by tying Missouri Western 1-1 and defeating Emporia State 4-1 on Oct. 15 and 18, respectively.

The Mavs (10-4-1 overall, 9-1-1 Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association) received an outstanding performance from redshirt freshman forward Nicole Baier over the weekend. She scored three goals in the 4-1 victory against Emporia State and assisted with the Mavs' only goal against Missouri Western.

"She's just such a good team player," head coach Don Klosterman said. "She's realized that she can't score every game but that she can help others score."

The entire UNO defense has stepped up over the last few games. The Mavs held Missouri Western to only six shots and Emporia State to nine. The games were the fifth and sixth consecutive matches that the UNO defense has held its opponents to under 10 shots.

"They're doing better things overall," Klosterman said. "Coach Ted Anderson has done a great job with the back row."

The tie against Missouri Western on Oct. 15 was a hard-fought match for both sides. The Griffons struck first when Audrey Henderson scored a goal in the sixth minute to put Missouri Western up 1-0.

The score did not last long as Baier's corner kick found sophomore forward Jerica Kuncel for the goal to tie the game. It was Kuncel's fourth goal in the last four games.

The defenses held for the rest of the game, but UNO applied pressure throughout with 15 shots. Junior goalkeeper Lauren Fox played every minute of the match, including both overtime periods and made two saves.

The lack of scoring on the road finally came to an end when the Mavs scored four goals against Emporia State on Oct. 18.

"Our attack was a whole lot better overall, not just [Baier], it was everybody," Klosterman said. "Give credit to our guys, they did a whole lot better job of creating things, running our offense better."

Baier led the Mavs with her second hat

trick of the season. The Omaha native leads the team with 12 goals and 10 assists.

UNO took the early 1-0 lead when senior forward Jessica Powers took a pass from Baier and scored in the 15th minute.

The lead increased to 2-0 when Baier scored on an unassisted shot in the box.

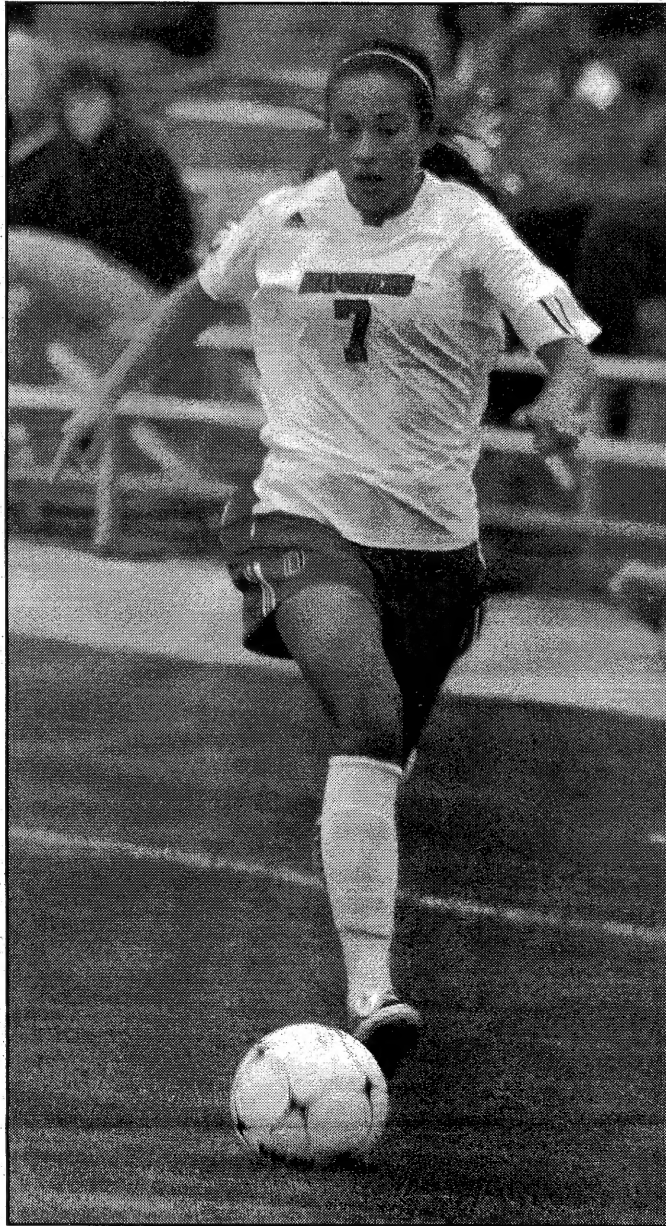
The Hornets got on the board 44:13 into the match when Ashley Hill scored on a header to cut the Mavs' lead to 2-1. Only 42 seconds later, Baier scored her second goal of the game when she took a pass from sophomore forward Hilary Horvatic and rifled the shot into the net to give the Mavs a 3-1 lead going into the intermission.

The game bounced back and forth before Baier completed her hat trick thanks to another assist by Horvatic with less than 23 minutes left in the game.

The match was dominated by the Mavs offensively. UNO took a season-high 24 shots, with half of those shots coming on goal. Baier led the team with seven shots on goal individually.

"All three of the forwards have become threats," Klosterman said. "All three do a good job of defending, as well. They know their jobs and they know how important they are to our team."

The defense was exceptional once again, holding ESU to nine shots and one goal. The Mavs' defense has allowed only one or no goals in all but five of this season's matches, with all five occurring at the beginning of the year.



Jerica Kuncel scored her seventh goal of the season against Missouri Western on Oct. 15. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

"It's been tremendous improvement by all of them," Klosterman said. "We're playing tighter against people and not dropping pressure, things we weren't doing very well at the beginning of the season, but much better now. It's a coordinated deal that all of them are involved with. Some of that takes time."

UNO will be on the road until they come home for Senior Day on Oct. 29. The Mavs take on Washburn on Oct. 22 and play Northwest Missouri State on Oct. 24.

Second-half meltdown leads to Mavs' 31-20 loss of Fort Hays

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SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO football team, high off last week's victory against then-No. 12 Washburn, gained an early 20-0 lead but faltered in the second half. The Mavs gave up 31 consecutive points to fall to Fort Hays State 31-20 Saturday at Lewis Field Stadium.

The Mavs (5-3 overall, 4-2 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) were without starting senior quarterback Greg Wunderlich for the first time this year. Redshirt freshman John Teigland started his first collegiate game and completed 15 of 34 passes for 230 yards, but also threw two critical interceptions.

The UNO offense was led by freshman running back Levi Terrell, who had another great game for his early career. Terrell finished the game with 30 rushes for 178 yards and one touchdown as the focal point of the offense.

UNO dominated the first half, and it looked like the Mavs would roll to another conference victory.

The Mavs scored first when Terrell took a handoff on the second play of UNO's opening possession and scampered 65 yards for the touchdown. The point after by junior kicker Greg Zuerlein gave the Mavs a 7-0 lead early in the first.

Fort Hays' next possession went three-and-out, and the ensuing punt was returned 56 yards by junior receiver Adolph Overstreet to give UNO a 14-0 lead with 7:47 to go in the first quarter.

After steady doses of Terrell, Zuerlein nailed a 20-yard attempt with 9:02 in the first half to put the Mavs up 17-0. Another field goal by Zuerlein and one by Fort Hays made the score 20-3 going into halftime.

Fort Hays' comeback started on their first few possessions after the break.

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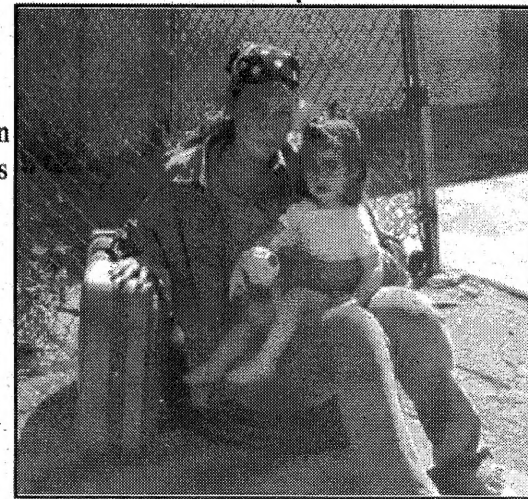
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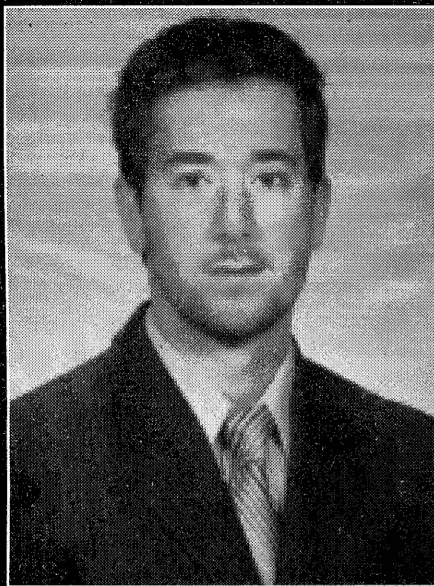


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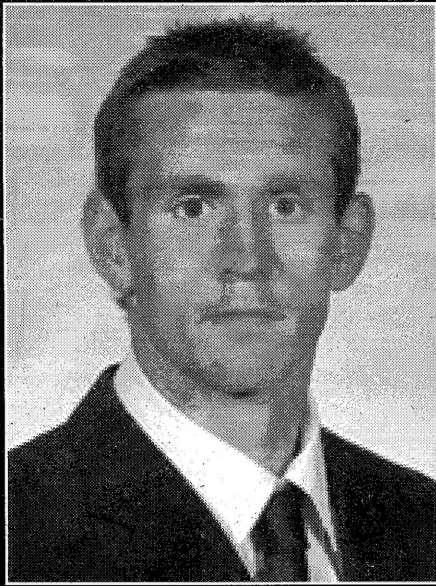
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Mavs sweeping up conference Player of the Week honors

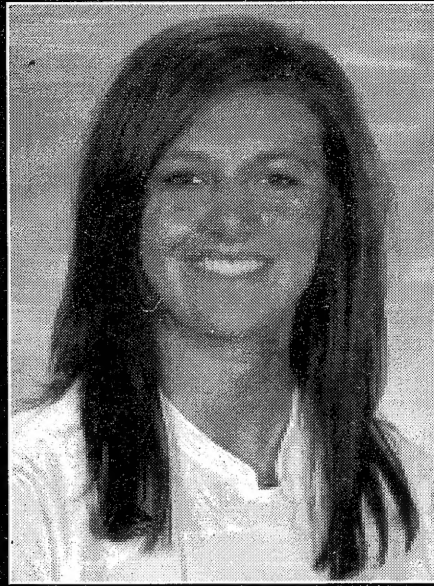
Players of the Week



Rich Purslow
Hockey



John Faulkner
Hockey



Nicole Baier
Soccer



Jessica Powers
Soccer

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The last few weeks have been very exciting for fans of UNO athletics. The football, volleyball, hockey and soccer teams are all having successful seasons so far, and with team success there is usually an individual player or two that leads the team by example.

Four players were recently honored by their conference as Players of the Week for their performances during the last couple of weeks. Junior forward Rich Purslow and redshirt freshman goalie John Faulkner (hockey), along with redshirt freshman Nicole Baier and senior forward Jessica Powers (soccer), were chosen.

The hockey season is still young, yet UNO has had two players honored as the

Central Collegiate Hockey Association's Players of the Week.

Purslow was named CCHA Offensive Player of the Week during the opening week of the season. The Greenlawn, N.Y., native had two goals and two assists in the Mavericks' victories over Army and UMass-Lowell in the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker tournament. He scored his first goal of the season in the second period and assisted on a goal in the third period in the comeback effort against Army on Oct. 9. Purslow scored a goal and assisted on another on the next night to earn the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

Faulkner earned the CCHA Goalie of the Week award after making his first two collegiate starts last weekend. The Sarnia, Ontario, native had a season- and career-

high 27 saves to keep Colgate's offense in check and help the Mavs end the game in a 1-1 tie on Oct. 16. His 23 saves the next night ensured a UNO victory of 4-1. Although the season is early, Faulkner is second in the country with a 0.94 goals-against average a .958 save percentage.

Soccer head coach Don Klosterman said he is happy with his forwards' efforts, as Powers, Baier and sophomore Jerica Kuncel have helped turn the Mavs into a formidable offensive threat.

Powers earned the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Offensive Player of the Week award for the second consecutive week. This time, the Bellevue native was honored for her performances against Emporia State and Washburn. Powers scored a goal and had three assists in the 5-0 victory against

Emporia State on Oct. 8 and registered another assist on Oct. 11 in the victory against Washburn. The three assists against Emporia State marked the 11th time a Mav player has reached three assists for a single game.

Baier was honored as the MIAA Offensive Player of the Week for the third time this season. The Omaha native assisted on UNO's only goal in the 1-1 tie against Missouri Western on Oct. 15. Baier exploded offensively on Oct. 18 against Emporia State, scoring three goals and registering another assist in the 4-1 victory. The hat trick gave Baier her second of the season, and she is only the fifth Maverick in school history to do so. She leads the conference with 12 goals and 10 assists.

Volleyball hits three game losing skid

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

The 16th-ranked UNO volleyball team dropped its third consecutive five-set match Wednesday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Mavs jumped out to a win in the first set and then traded wins with Missouri Southern through the next three sets. The Lions clawed their way to a fifth set win to take the match 3-2 (17-25, 25-20, 16-25,

25-16, 16-14).

UNO fell to 17-7 overall and 7-4 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The Mavs never trailed in the first set, hitting .355 and winning by eight points. The Lions (11-14, 4-7 MIAA) responded by winning the second set after scoring five of the final eight points.

MSSU grabbed an early 5-4 lead in the third set before kills from sophomore setter Emily Myers and senior hitter Sara

Kampschnieder helped the Mavs go on an 11-5 run to end the set. The Lions took the fourth set after taking a 13-12 lead on a UNO service error. MSSU closed the set with a 12-4 run to win.

In the final set, neither team led by more than a point through the first 15 points. After seven lead changes, the Lions went up 15-14 and then won the match on a service ace.

UNO out-hit MSSU, .234 to .195 and had two more kills than the Lions with 57. The Mavericks had seven service aces but committed 13 service errors.

"We played without passion and without drive and that's not a way to win a conference match," head coach Rose Shires said.

Shires said a good portion of the team is sick with the flu, including senior middleblocker Ellen Thommes.

"Ellen was a game time decision, that's why she didn't get the ball very often," Shires said.

The Mavs blocked nine MSSU attacks, with sophomore middleblocker Brittany Hanssen and Thommes leading with four each. Senior hitter Kelli Goesser and sophomore middleblocker Lizzy Mach each added 10 kills.

"I felt as a team we performed very poorly," Shires said. "Brittany and Lizzy did a great job of holding up the fact that Ellen was so sick tonight. They really came through in the clutch."

Three Mavericks reached double figures in scoring with Kampschnieder collecting 15, while adding 16 digs for a double-double. Sophomore defensive specialist Angie Reicks finished with 15 digs, while freshman hitter Natalie Ebke

had 10. Myers had 44 assists.

On Oct. 15, the Mavs dropped a 3-2 (25-18, 25-18, 16-25, 22-25, 15-10) match to No. 4 Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

UNO won sets three and four to force a decisive fifth set, but came up short, as the Jennies claimed their 16th consecutive game.

After hitting .175 and .044 in the first two sets, respectively, the Mavs hit .333 and .300, in the next two matches to even the score.

The Mavs led the entire third set, winning by nine. After a 10-10 tie in the fourth set, UNO rallied to tie the match at 2-2.

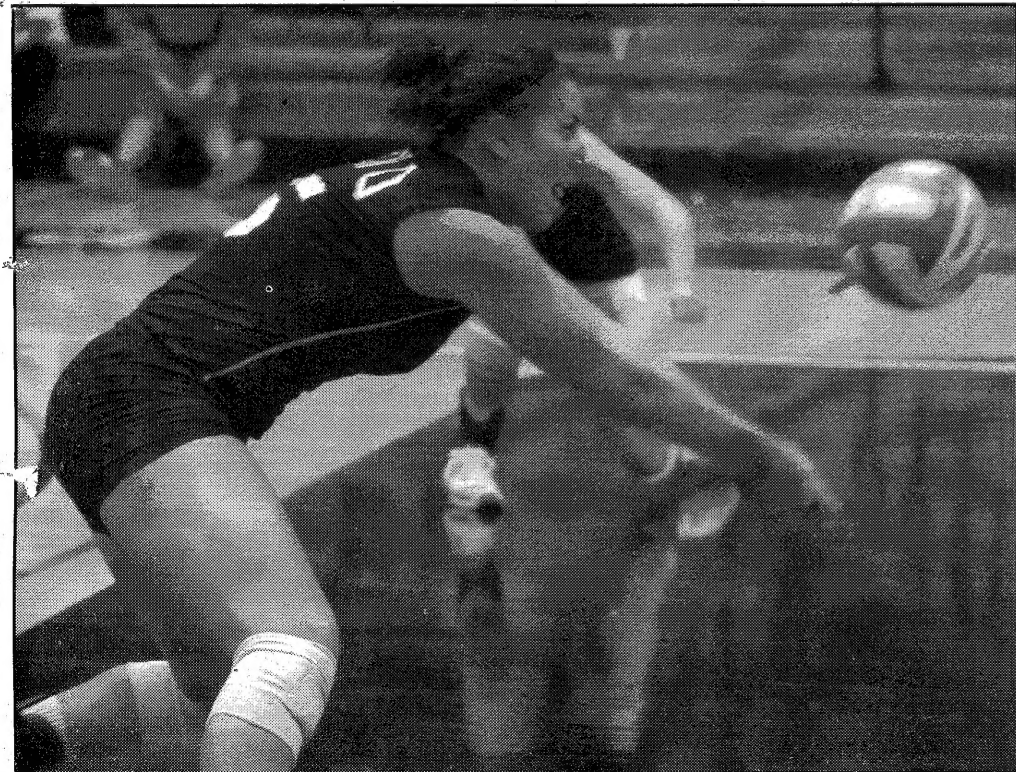
In the fifth set, the teams traded the first six points for a 3-3 tie. The Jennies scored three unanswered points for a 6-3 lead, and never looked back.

Thommes hit .421 in the match and notched 20 kills to lead UNO. Mach had 14 kills, leading UNO with a .480 attack percentage.

Reicks led the Mav defense with 22 digs, as five Mavs reached double figures in digs. Myers finished with 49 assists and added 15 digs for a double-double.

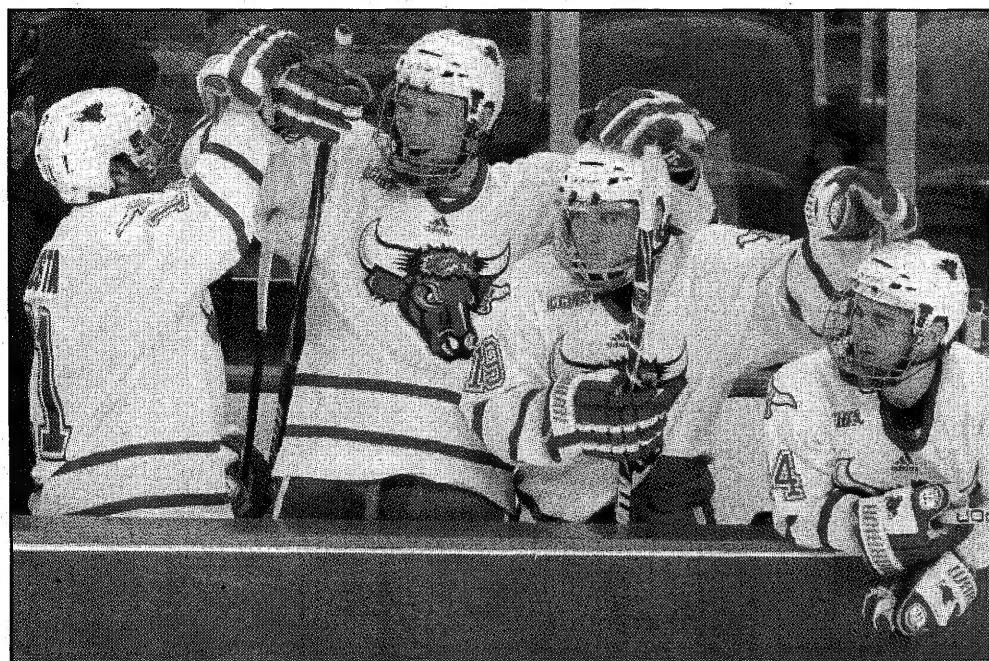
"We have to get back to work. We have to make a decision to drive, to play at a higher level," Shires said. "I don't understand what happened to the confidence that we had early in the season. We have to drive to get it back and we have to do a better job of creating it, not expecting another team to lose to us."

The Mavs resume action on the road against Pittsburg State on Oct. 23 and play at Southwest Baptist University on Oct. 24.



Natalie Ebke gets low for a dig during the fifth set of Wednesday night's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/ THE GATEWAY)

Mavs improve to 3-0-1 with victory; tie against Colgate



The Maverick hockey team returns to action Oct. 30-31 with a series against CCHA rival Bowling Green. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO hockey team returns to Omaha after a two-game stint against Colgate University in which the Mavs finished with one victory and one tie.

The Mavs (3-0-1) tied 1-1 on Oct. 16 before exploding for four third-period goals the next night to win 4-1.

The story of the weekend was the play of redshirt freshman goalie John Faulkner, who started in his first two collegiate games. Faulkner had a career- and season-high 27 saves on Oct. 16, and followed that up with 23 saves and a victory on Saturday. The Ontario native improved his record to 3-0-1 and earned the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's *Goaltender of the Week* award.

The first game on Oct. 16 was an intense affair that saw UNO on the ropes repeatedly after going up early. Junior forward Joey Martin put the Mavs up first when he scored in the

middle of the first period. Senior forwards Nick Fanto and Dan Swanson earned assists.

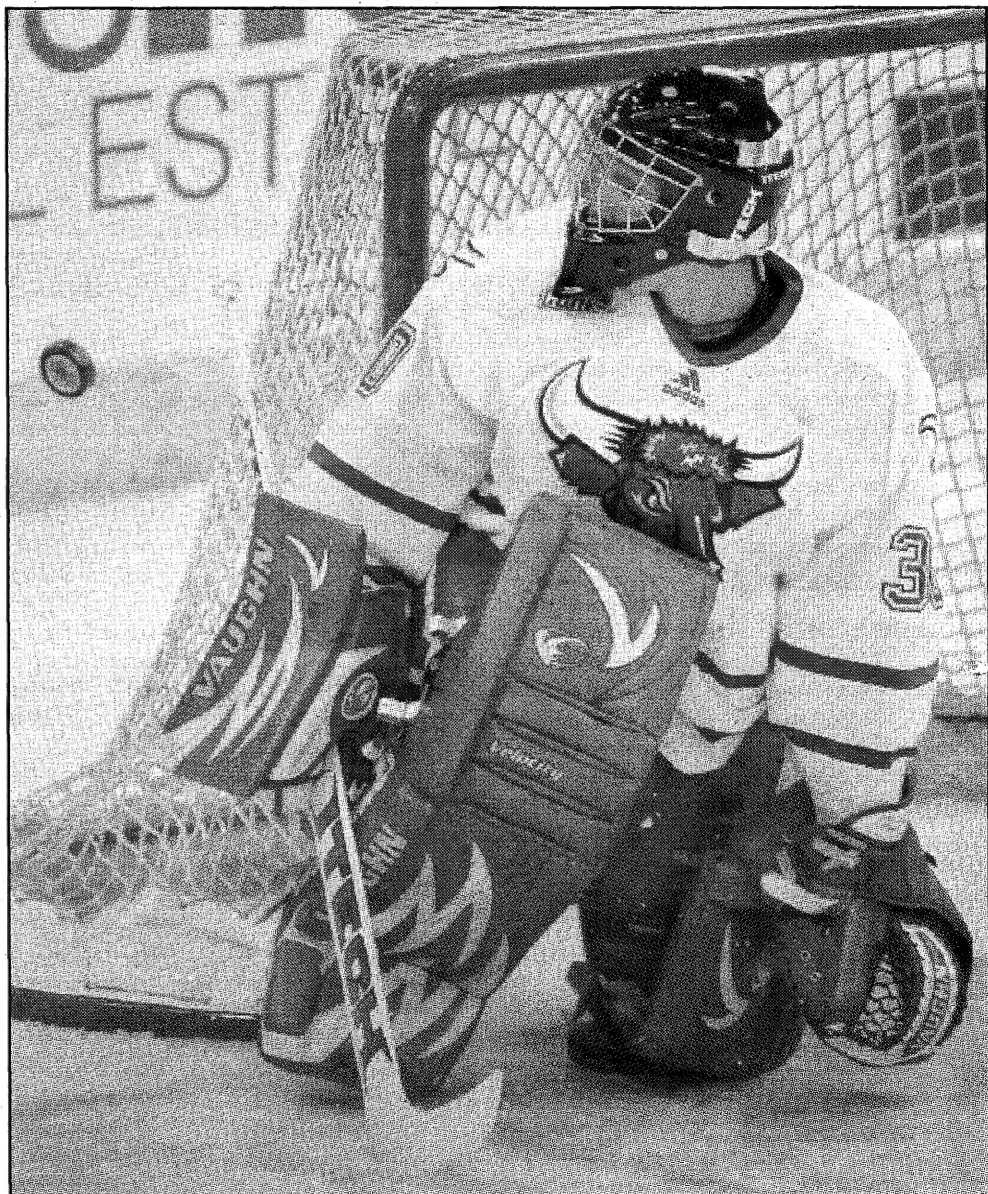
UNO lost its lead in the second period, but it could have been much worse. The Red Raiders had three power play opportunities, but were only able to get two shots off. Colgate's Kurtis Bartliff finally got a goal through Faulkner to tie the game 1-1. Faulkner had 11 saves in the second period alone.

Colgate got another power play in the third period and one in overtime, but the Red Raiders were unable to take advantage. UNO had an early opportunity in the third period with a one-man advantage but was unable to capitalize.

The Mavs offense finally came alive on Oct. 17, but not until late in the game.

Colgate took an early 1-0 lead when Christian Long scored a power play goal six minutes into the second period. The rest of the period was a defensive struggle, but the Mavs finally broke through offensively late in the game.

Senior forward Jeric Agosta put the Mavs on the board 5:24 into the third period after



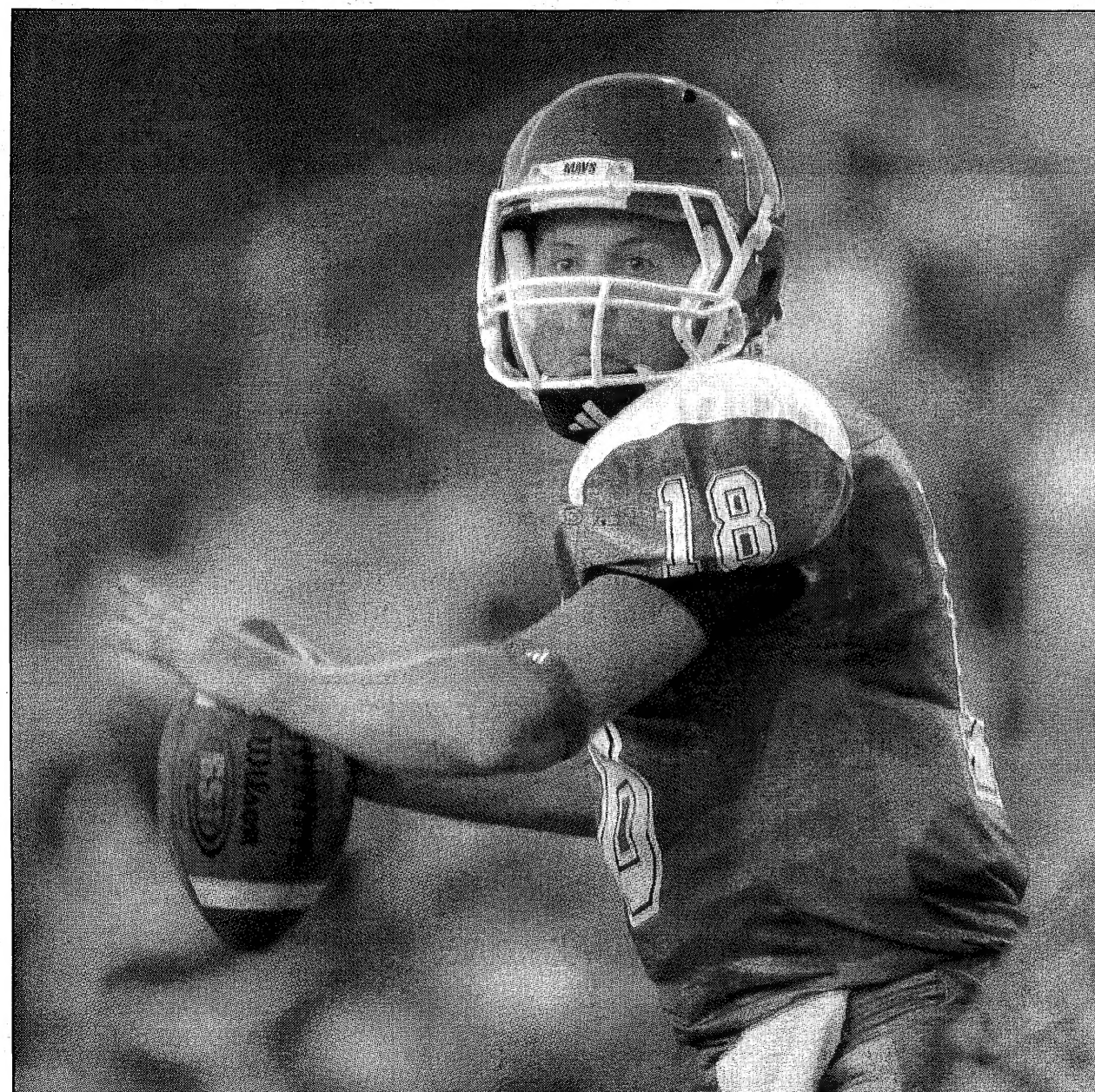
Redshirt freshman goaltender John Faulkner earned the CCHA's Goaltender of the Week award after a solid performance against Colgate University. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

making a nice move on the Colgate goalie. UNO took the lead only minutes later when senior defenseman Eddie DelGrosso knocked in a power play goal to give the Mavs a 2-1 lead.

The scoring continued when Martin added his second goal of the weekend with seven minutes in the game to pad UNO's lead to 3-1.

Agosta scored the final goal of the day on a rebound less than a minute later. He now leads the team with three goals.

The Mavs have the next week off. They return to the ice on Oct. 30 for a two-game home series against Bowling Green at Qwest Center Omaha.



Redshirt freshman John Teigland started his first collegiate game Saturday, completing 15 of 34 passes for 230 yards. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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The Tigers scored on their opening possession when quarterback Mike Garrison rushed 14 yards for the touchdown. After a three-and-out by UNO, Fort Hays took over at their 30-yard line and drove 70 yards in 13 plays thanks to the arm and legs of Garrison. Jacobb Irvin scored on a 2-yard touchdown run to cut the Mavs' lead to 20-17.

The Mavs tried to battle back but were unable to mount anything offensively. After Terrell rushed the ball for a first down, Teigland threw a costly interception that gave the Tigers possession at UNO's 45-yard line. Fort Hays struck on the next play when Garrison completed a 45-yard pass to C.J. Lovett for the touchdown. The score gave Fort Hays a 24-20 lead with 5:08 in the third quarter and all the momentum in the world.

It appeared that UNO was gaining some offensive consistency towards the end of the third quarter when they drove 38 yards on nine plays in 6:18, mostly on handoffs to Terrell. Zuerlein's 46-yard field goal attempt, however, was blocked, and Fort Hays took over at UNO's 33-yard line. A few plays later, Irvin ran 1 yard into the end zone to put the Tigers up 31-20 early in the fourth.

The best drive of the second half for UNO ended with another interception for Teigland. The Mavs moved the ball 58 yards in nine plays and got to the Tigers' 12 yard line before Teigland's pass was picked off in the end zone.

The Mavs finished with 429 yards of offense while Fort Hays had 398. UNO was only able to score on two of their four red-zone possessions, while the Tigers capitalized on all four of their opportunities. UNO also committed 10 penalties for 87 yards.

The loss is a setback for the defense that was looking to use last week's victory against high-powered Washburn as a springboard for the rest of the season and into the playoffs.

Junior safety Danny Pelster led the Mavs on defense with 11 total tackles, including five solo stops. Junior defensive tackle Nate Wissink notched two sacks in the effort, and junior linebacker Bobby Stroup registered one.

The Mavs return home on Saturday when they take on Central Missouri at Caniglia Field at 1 p.m.

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Two Face Me

STEVEN CLAYBERG
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Who am I?
Are I me?
Or am I you?

Down inside me is where you dwell
That is where you need to stay
Given the chance to irradiate you - I may
You make my life hell

I feel like a coin
It's the luck of the flip
Because I have two sides

But with the wrong flip - I loose my grip
Half of me goes - on an acid like trip
As the other picks up a strong drink - and begins to sip
Causing my whole being - to rip

Breaking everything in sight
All while trying to get into a fight

Until I reach my absolute tip

It's only when I finally reach the top
That I stop
And then I drop

When I wake - the other side doesn't know
Someone who was once your friend - now may be your foe

Don't lie
You love the feeling of this high
But think

The other side may eventually take control
And know

No one really wants that - deep within their soul

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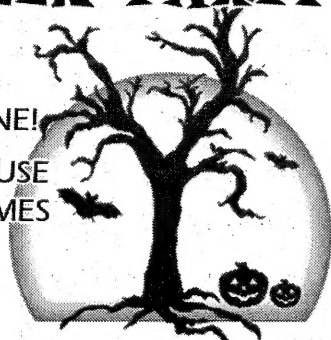


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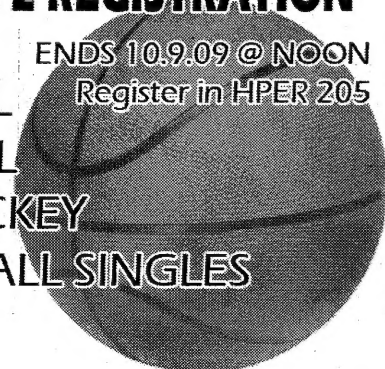


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